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SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: RALF PAUL GEORGI

REF: STATE 198424

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A REVIEW OF ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE GEORGI CASE, INCLUDING THOSE SENT BY THE DEPARTMENT IN JUNE. THE AMBASSADOR WROTE TO CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI ON AUGUST 18 IN DETAIL ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

2. WE CONCLUDE THAT THE GEORGI CASE, AS ALL IMPRISONMENT CASES INVOLVING GDR CITIZENS, IS MORE COMPLEX THAN A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE. GDR FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT SUCH MATTERS, WHICH IT CONSIDERS ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ALSO RELATED TO SUCH SENSITIVE MATTERS AS SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN WRITING TO MR. ZABLOCKI, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE EMBASSY'S REVIEW OF THE GEORGI CASE HAD LED US TO CONCUR WITH THE POSITION WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED (IN A LETTER WHICH MR. ANDREWS, EUR/EE, WROTE TO HIM ON JUNE 25) THAT A REPRESENTATION BY THE USG IN THIS CASE WOULD HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. OUR REVIEW INDICATES THAT USG REPRESENTATION IN CASES SUCH AS THIS

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MIGHT ALSO HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON FAVORABLE

SETTLEMENT OF OTHER HUMANITARIAN CASES SUCH AS THOSE
PRESENTED TO THE GDR ON THE SUMMER, 1974 LIST.

3. WE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR CHANCES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
ACTION IN THIS CASE. WE WOULD NOT BE CANDID IF WE DID
NOT SAY THAT WE SEE LITTLE THE USG CAN DO UNTIL GEORGI
IS RELEASED FROM PRISON. IT MAY THEN BE POSSIBLE FOR
THE USG TO DEAL WITH HIS CASE AS A STRAIGHT HUMANITARIAN
CASE WHERE EMIGRATION IS THE ONLY FACTOR.

4. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI.GROVE

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